

OLDER CALIFORNIA TRAFFIC SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING
CHP Academy, Classroom 9, West Sacramento
February 20, 2007 09:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

In Attendance:

Captain Joe Whiteford, California Highway Patrol (CHP); **Helen Kerschner**, Beverly Foundation; **Tom Soberanes**, California Police Chief's Association; **Kathleen Carroll**, Office of Traffic Safety, (OTS); **Patty Wong**, (OTS); **Richard Smith**, Partnership for Independent Living; **Charley Fenner**, Department of Motor Vehicles, (DMV); **John Locher**, DMV; **Patrick Cullinane**, American Society on Aging, (ASA); **Tanya Love**, Riverside County Traffic Commission; **Shirley Carey**, California State Automobile Association; **Mary Lackey**, California Department of Health Services, (DHS); **Patti Yanochko-Horsley**, Center for Injury Prevention Policy and Practice; **Nicole Kaplan**, Center for Healthy Aging; **Mary Steinert**, Paratransit; **Peter Steinert**, Department of Transportation; (DOT); **Nina Weiler-Harwell**, AARP; **Sarah Ludeman**, Department of Aging; **Dr. James Grisolia**, California Medical Association; **Kristen Anthony**, Safety Center; **Ken Kochevar**, Federal Highway Administration; **Kent Milton**, CHP; **Julie Likes**, CHP; **Stephanie Johnson**, CHP.

Guest Speakers: **Dr. Helen Kerschner**, **Cheryl Svensson**, **Baxter Churchville**, **Marie-Helen Rousseau**, Beverly Foundation, Pasadena.

Guests: **Susan Gonzalez**, California State University, Sacramento (CSUS); **Lisa Sbragia-Hartzell**, CSUS; and **Nancy Ceridwyn**, American Society on Aging.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS:

Captain Whiteford welcomed the attendees and announced that the next Older Californian Traffic Safety (OCTS) Task Force meeting scheduled for May 8, 2007, will be held at McClellan Field due to increased cadet classes at CHP's Academy. Captain Whiteford also informed the group that Ms. Helen Russ, Chairperson of the Policy and Legislation Workgroup, has taken the position as AARP's Northern Regional Volunteer Director and resigned from the OCTS Task Force. Ms. Nina Weiler-Harwell will continue on the task force as the AARP representative and will provide legislative updates when they arise. Lastly, the meeting minutes of December 5, 2006, were presented and adopted as written.

GUEST SPEAKERS: (Highlights)

Dr. Helen Kerschner led a presentation of the completed Supplemental Transportation Program (STP) Clearinghouse project. She and her staff outlined the findings of the study. A copy of the report is available at www.beverlyfoundation.org. Dr. Kerschner indicated that the Beverly Foundation's role in the project is completed and urged another OCTS Task Force partner agency to host and maintain the STP list.

DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AT SENIOR SAFE MOBILITY SUMMIT II, OCTOBER 2007:

An open discussion took place concerning ideas and suggestions for the Senior Safe Mobility Summit II planned for October 23-24, 2007, in Sacramento. Items discussed included:

- A tangible, hands-on approach is desired.
- A session on available resources (where all the available educational tools are explained and demonstrated where possible).
- Simultaneous break-out tracks for networks and a regrouping at the end of the day.
- A Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist presentation.
- A presentation by Dr. David Ragland and his organization. (University of California, Berkeley, Traffic Safety Center)
- A presentation on the 3- Tier Assessment System by Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Mobility panel wherein all transportation options are explored. (Familiarizing seniors with various options should be part of this).
- Think about attendance goals-such as bringing in representatives from all 33 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs).
- Set target to specific audience such as; providers, networks, local county agencies, and/or consumers.

DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF SSMII:

- Erect billboards.
- Get Caltrans to put messages on their highway message boards statewide.
- Produce a task force newsletter and distribute it to all AAAs, senior centers, OCTS Task Force members, and various other networks.
- Approach senior housing administrations.
- Approach Aging Services of California to get their input.
- Use community access television.
- Target senior centers.

- Target transportation operators to offer free rides for seniors during the week.

WORKGROUP UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS

Transportation Safety – Mr. Ken Kochevar, Federal Highway Administration

- Indicated the approved older driver recommendations will be incorporated in the new California Design manual. (Action item #1)
- Training may be offered using the Federal “BREEZE” program to reach city, county and state traffic engineers on a wider basis as well as inexpensively.
- A suggestion was made to suspend OCTS Transportation Safety Workgroup activity until the state’s Strategic Highway Safety Implementation Plan (SHSIP) is completed in July/August 2007.
- Workgroup members will provide information to the Public Information Workgroup for publication in the OCTS Task Force newsletter when it becomes available.

Mobility – Ms. Mary Steinert, Paratransit, Inc.

- The demonstration project is being moved from Santa Cruz/San Benito to Contra Costa County, in coordination with DMV.

Licensing – Mr. Charley Fenner, Department of Motor Vehicles

- A pilot in southern California is being negotiated between DMV and local tow companies to transport “stranded” delicensed drivers and their vehicles home from the DMV office.
- DMV is currently using the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Law Enforcement sensitivity training video to train their hearing officers.

Law Enforcement – Captain Joe Whiteford, California Highway Patrol

- Sergeant Janice Campbell will be the new Chairperson for the workgroup effective March 1, 2007.

Health Services – Ms. Patti Yanochko-Horsley, Center for Injury Prevention Policy & Practice, Department of Health Services and Dr. James Grisolia, California Medical Association

- Due to conflicts, ability to schedule meetings has been hampered.
- The Center for Healthy Aging in Santa Monica is currently in negotiations with the California Tow Truck Operators Association to conduct a pilot

program in a Southern California DMV office to tow “stranded” older drivers who have been de-licensed and have no way home.

- A Senior Injury Prevention Program (SIPP) Conference is scheduled in the Bay Area for May 10, 2007, with the focus on the effects of medications and driving.
- The California Medical Association, (CMA) is drafting a resolution for neurologists to assist in raising awareness of the importance of older patients and driving.

Aging Services – Mr. Patrick Cullinane, American Society on Aging

- As reported by the Licensing Workgroup, a pilot tow project in southern California is being negotiated.
- Work continues on an alternate transportation brochure for use by DMV offices.

Policy & Legislative – Ms. Nina Weiler-Harwell, AARP

- Assembly Bill AB226 (Huff) was discussed. The bill would allow law enforcement officers to immediately impound a vehicle upon issuance of a Notice of Priority Examination.

Public Information – Mr. Kent Milton, CHP

- An OCTS Task Force newsletter is to be developed and generated once a month via electronic mail to all task force members and partner networks.
- A request was made of all task force workgroup chairs to continue discussion of Senior Safe Mobility Week activities and then report them to the OCTS Public Information Workgroup chair for inclusion in the e-newsletter.

NEXT STEPS:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2007, at the Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center, McClellan Park, located in Sacramento. A map and directions will be sent to all with the next meeting notice.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.